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SUBJECT: CSCE: MPT HIGHLIGHTS MARCH 5-9

BEGIN SUMMARY. WORKING GROUP AGREED THAT AN INFORMAL " MINI-GROUP" WOULD BEGIN ON MARCH 12 TO DRAFT MANDATE ON INTERESTATE PRINCIPLES. MINI- GROUP WILL BASE ITS WORK ON STRUCTURE OF ITALIAN ( I. E. ALLIED) MANDATE. WORKING GROUP ITSELF WILL NOW TURN TO PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES AND CONFIDENCE- BUILDING MEASURES. THREE WEEK RECESS APPEARS LIKELY IN APRIL. END SUMMARY.

1. INTERSTATE PRINCIPLES. MPT WORKING GROUP DEVOTED THE ENTIRE WEEK TO DISCUSSING VARIOUS PROPOSALS FOR SECURITY COMMITTEE'S MANDATE ON PRINCIPLES OF INTERSTATE RELATIONS. BRUNNER HINTED THAT FRG MIGHT ACCEPT SEPARATE LISTING OF INVOLABILITY OF FRONTIERS PRINCIPLE, WITHOUT SPECIFIC LINK TO RENUNCIATION OF FORCE. IN RETURN, MENDELEVICH EVENTUALLY ADDRESSED ALL THE ELEMENTS IN THE ITALIAN MANDATE, SIGNALLING SOVIET WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT LANGUAGE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, SELF- DETERMINATION, AND APPLICABILITY OF PRINCIPLES IRRESPECTIVE OF POLITICAL OR SOCIAL SYSTEM. AS A BASIS FOR DRAFTING, WORKING GROUP ACCEPTED A UK  
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" OUTLINE" OF A MANDATE ON PRINCIPLES PATTERNED ON THE STRUCTURE  
OF THE MORE DETAILED ITALIAN MANDATE.

3. FORMATION OF " MINI- GROUPS" FOR DRAFTING. PARTLY AS A RESULT  
OF ACTIVE LOBBYING BY US, CANADA, NORWAY, USSR, AND THE NEUTRALS,  
EC NINE FINALLY AGREED TO BEGIN PROCESS OF DRAFTING COMMON  
MANDATES. DRAFTING WILL TAKE PLACE IN OPEN- ENDED " MINI-  
GROUPS" WHICH WILL MEET INFORMALLY WHILE WORKING GROUP  
CONTINUES ITS GENERAL DISCUSSION ON EACH BASKET. STARTING  
MARCH 12, WORKING GROUP WILL TAKE UP PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT AND  
CBM'S

4. MINI- GROUP ON MEDITERRANEAN HELD ITS FIRST MEETING ON  
MARCH 8 AND MINI- GROUP ON PRINCIPLES WILL GET UNDERWAY ON  
MARCH 12. WE DO NOT EXPECT MINI- GROUPS TO WORK QUICKLY AND  
THEIR FIRST DRAFTS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE HEAVILY BRACKETED.  
THERE IS NO AGREEMENT YET ON PRECISELY WHEN THE WORKING GROUP  
WILL FORMALLY ADDRESS THESE DRAFTS, BUT MOST OF THE ALLIES  
STRONGLY PREFER THAT THIS NOT OCCUR UNTIL THE WORKING GROUP HAS  
COMPLETED ITS REVIEW OF THE FIRST THREE BASKETS.

5. TIMETABLE. IN CORRIDOR CONVERSATIONS, A GENERAL  
PREFERENCE IS EMERGING FOR A THREE- WEEK BREAK IN APRIL. THE  
SOVIETS ARE RELAXED ABOUT THIS, PARTICULARLY SINCE SOVIETS AND  
FINNS WANT NO RPT NO MPT WHEN BREZHNEV VISITS HELSINKI IN EARLY  
APRIL. RECESS WILL MEAN INTENSIVE WORK HERE, PARTICULARLY IN  
MAY, TO COMPLETE MANDATES AND COVER OTHER ARRANGEMENTS IN TIME  
FOR THE FIRST STAGE MINISTERIAL MEETING, BUT WE AND THE SOVIETS  
ARE MAKING IT WELL UNDERSTOOD THAT WE ARE STICKING FIRMLY TO  
LATE JUNE DATE FOR THAT MEETING.

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